



# Foggy Bottom News

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## CHW Approved by Preservation Board

By Tom Bower

At its April 24 meeting the Historic Preservation Review Board approved the third proposal presented by Trammell Crow Company for the Columbia Hospital for Women building. This plan calls for lower wings along 24th and 25th Streets, ending with three-story-tall faux townhouses which come farther toward L Street than had been presented earlier. The new design also includes lower linking structures between the new and original buildings. Representatives of the Foggy Bottom Historic District Conservancy and the Foggy Bottom Association spoke in opposition to the approved plan.

HPRB Chair Tersh Boasberg stated that in an ideal world this plan would not be approved, but that it seemed to be the best one that could be achieved to meet the needs of the developer and the concerns of the HPRB members.

There had been a meeting which included representatives of the HPRB staff, the developer, FBA and the ANC where elements of the current plan originated. There was no information about how much the current plan would effect the size of the project.

At a future HPRB meeting, the developer will present a more detailed plan which will include surface treatments for the exterior of the building. Still included are the preservation of the original structure, the retaining wall on 25th Street from the earlier Maynard mansion, and the memorial to the Rush-Bato Treaty. An autumn ground-breaking is anticipated. Patrick Burkhardt, an architect involved in the project, said the developer is presenting an application for a Planned Unit Development which they anticipate would come before zoning authorities in mid-July.

## Update

### 7-11 Asks For 24-Hour Operation

The operators of the 7-11 store at 912 New Hampshire Avenue have asked the Board of Zoning Adjustment to allow them to continue operating the store, but also are asking that it be allowed to be open for 24 hours. A hearing will be held by the BZA on Tuesday, June 17, at 441 Fourth Street (Judiciary Square) in the Zoning Hearing Room on the second floor. The notice indicates this case will be heard between 9:30 a.m. and noon.

The store currently operates under a so-called "special exception," because it is on a residentially-zoned lot. That permission was last granted in 1997; it has now come up for its regular renewal. The request for 24-hour-a day open hours is a new application.

As its name implies, it is open from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., similar to others in the

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## BZA Denies GW Motion to Stay Campus Plan Conditions

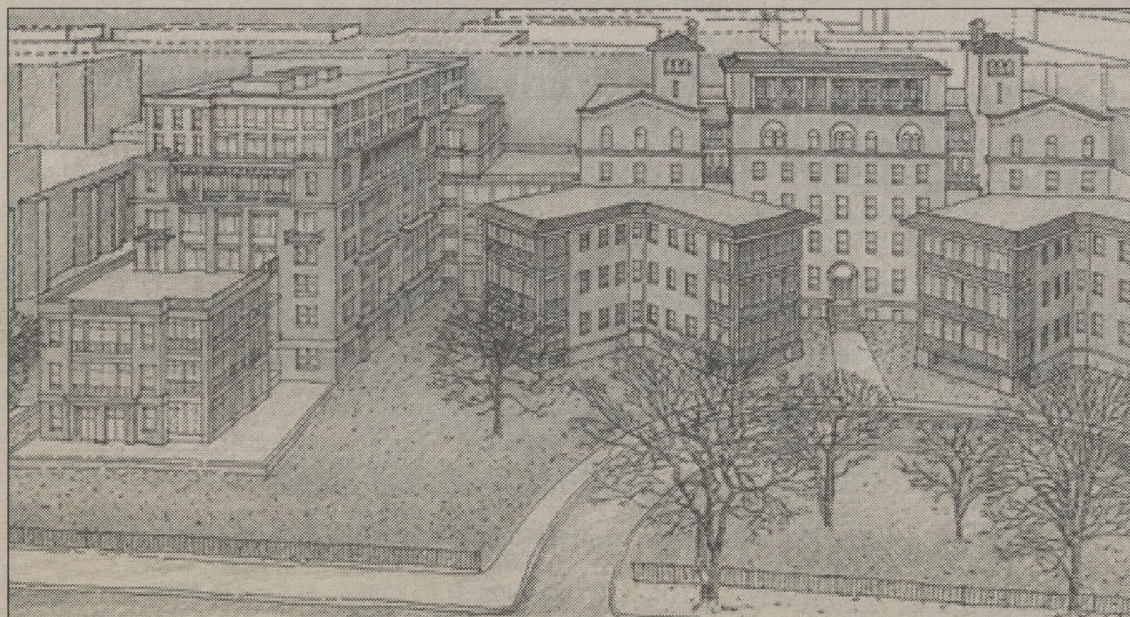
The Board of Zoning Adjustment, on May 6, denied the motion filed by George Washington University to stay enforcement of Campus Plan conditions which require the University to provide housing for "at least 5600 full-time undergraduate students on campus or outside Foggy Bottom/West End" by August 2003. GWU asked for the stay, maintaining inability to supply enough required housing, and have already stated they will continue to house freshman at the Hall on Virginia Avenue, thereby violating the order. GWU asked that enforcement be delayed until a decision is made in a case in the D.C. Court of Appeals, expected by the end of the summer, according to a spokesman for the Corporation Counsel.

A major penalty for non-compliance with the BZA order is a ban on all permits for new buildings which would not be at least 50% residential. GWU is especially pushing for permission to build a new business school; the BZA has received letters from the business school dean and from D.C. businessmen requesting the stay so a new facility could be built.

### Request Failed Stay Criteria

At the hearing BZA members weighed the request against four criteria for a stay: the potential for success of the court appeal; if a stay denial would do irreparable harm; if it would prejudice other parties; and whether it

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## FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

All Residents Welcome

Guest Speakers:

**Representatives of  
Emergency Alert Systems**

Monday, May 19, 2003

The Melrose Hotel

2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

7:30 p.m.

(Next meeting: Monday, June 30, 2003)



## Helen Andresen

Helen Andresen, resident of the Bonwit Plaza on H Street for 30 years, recently died at home of respiratory failure. Mrs. Andresen, who was 77 and had suffered from emphysema, was born in New York City, and worked for many years for the U. S. Department of State. Her husband died in 1954. She belonged to the Memorial Society of D.C., and attended the National Cathedral.

### Letters

#### Theatre Ad Deceiving

On a recent Saturday, I attended a movie at the new Loews Theatres in Georgetown. I was seated several minutes before the movie began and I read some of the screen advertisements.

An ad for Paper Moon, an Italian restaurant near the theatre, caught my eye. Paper Moon offered a 15 percent discount for diners with a ticket stub from the theatre. I've eaten there before and I decided to take them up on the offer.

After completing my meal, I presented the stub to my waiter. "We don't give any discount on the weekend," he said. A couple seated next to me told me they also made their decision to eat there based on the discount offer. I asked to speak with the manager. I objected, to no avail, that the screen ad led me to think the offer was good anytime. The discount is only good weekdays. Take notice if you go there.

James Patterson

(Jim Patterson has written restaurant reviews for the FBNews in the past, and his articles will be appearing again from time to time.)

## May Meeting Highlights Alert Systems

At the May meeting of the FB Association, a session will be held on various emergency alert systems available in areas of our city to broadcast important information to residents. The meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, at the Melrose Hotel, 2430 Penn. Ave., N.W. at 7:30 p.m.

Rick Tene from Roam Secure Alert Network (Georgetown) will describe its pilot program which sends urgent texts to all types of cell phones, pagers, email, and wireless carriers. Information senders are government authorities, community systems administrators, and selected users. The D.C. government is using it on a limited basis and may expand it throughout the city.

The Cleveland Park Emergency Radio Network is another system which uses inexpensive, license-free

walkie-talkie radios to enable neighbors and family members to communicate with each other in emergencies such as power failures and major storms, when regular and cell phones don't work. A representative of the network has been asked to speak.

Another system, entitled Emergency Email and Wireless Network, is a nationwide service with information tailored to a subscriber's location. It is a free service which disseminates emergency information (e.g., severe weather advisories and public safety messages) from government agencies by email. Subscriptions are available at the following website: <<http://www.emergencyemail.org/Default.asp>>.

This session follows discussions with MPD Sgt. Tammy Lane on emergency preparedness at the April FBA meeting.

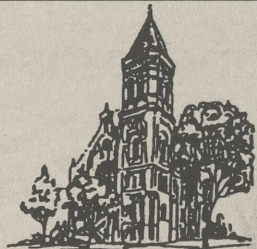
## Nine Homes Sold; Many More on Contract

During March and April, nine Foggy Bottom/West End homes were sold, but another 25-30 are under contract. Below are properties sold, provided by Caroline Coates and Suzanne Foss of Coates Realty (333-0017).

Address	Bldg.	Bed/Bath	Sale Price	Date
2555 Pa., fl.4	Westbridge	1/1.5	359,000	3/27
2512 I		3/2	455,000	3/31
1099 22nd, fl.2	West End Pl.	1/1	325,000	3/31
3 Wash. Circle, fl.7	Chancellor	2/2.5	455,000	4/11
2510 Va., fl.6	Watergate East	2/2	357,000	4/15
2510 Va., fl. 9	Watergate East	2/2	475,000	4/21
3 Wash. Circle, fl.7	Chancellor	2/2	445,000	4/25
2475 Va., fl.5	Potomac Plaza	1/1	125,000	4/28
2131 I, fl. 1	President	0/1	120,000	4/29

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### FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS

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Ad Manager

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## 2003-2004 Slate Chosen

Candidates for election to the Foggy Bottom Association Executive Board have been chosen by the Nominating Committee, as follows:

For President	Ron Cocome, 2500 Virginia Ave.
For Vice President	Barbara Spillinger, 2500 Virginia Ave.
For Secretary	Michael Malloy, 1121 24th Street
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	Elizabeth Elliott, 532 20th Street
	Dawn Gustafson, 730 24th Street
	Thalia Johnson, 2475 Virginia Ave.
	Lucille Molinelli, 2150 F Street
	Sol Shalit, 2500 Virginia Ave.

Elizabeth Elliott and Dawn Gustafson, if elected, will be new to the Board. Both Jacqueline Lemire and Ellie Becker, as Immediate Past President and Foggy Bottom News Editor, will serve on the Board ex officio.

The election will be held at the June 30 meeting of the Association, set for 7:30 p.m. at the Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. The FBA Bylaws require 15 days' notice of this election meeting, and voting privilege is limited to members paying dues at least 30 days before the election.

Thanks go to the members of the Nominating Committee: Richard Price, Chair; Patricia Morton, Harold Talisman, Janet Farbstein and Rose Gargiulo.

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## FBA Asks Mayor to Sanction GWU for "Thumbing Its Nose at the City"

Following the announcement by officials at George Washington University that it plans to disobey the Campus Plan regulations by housing freshmen at its dormitory on Virginia Avenue, FBA President Ron Cocome wrote Mayor Williams asking that he respond to the university's "lawbreaking." The above announcement came on the heels of reports that GWU is increasing its 2003 freshman class from 2250 to 2400. The text of the letter follows.

Dear Mayor Williams:

George Washington University has publicly admitted that it has decided to continue to house freshmen in an off-campus dormitory on Virginia Avenue across from the Watergate complex. This is a violation of the Campus Plan approved by the Board of Zoning Adjustment in 2001—and recently upheld by the federal appeals court—which requires that all GWU freshmen and sophomores must live on campus starting this fall, a provision proposed to the BZA by none other than the university. (Emphasis added.)

This is just one of many violations of the BZA Order currently being committed by GWU. While outraged, I was not surprised to hear the University openly declare that it will not abide by the law since it has repeatedly acted

unlawfully in the past without penalty.

Contrary to statements made by GWU spokesmen, our corporate university neighbor did not make a "good faith" effort to comply with the law. In fact, GWU has taken actions to further aggravate the situation by enrolling the second largest class of freshmen in its history, surpassed only by the freshman class of 2001. This was not an educational decision. It was a financial decision, pure and simple: a move to increase GWU's income at the expense of our fragile community.

In an editorial dated April 14, the GW Hatchet stated that "It is unacceptable that the University is over-enrolling students when there is not enough space or professors to adequately instruct them." Nor is there enough space to house them. So the University is telling the city and the community that it will not abide by the law because the law interferes with its own best business interests.

George Washington University is now thumbing its nose at the city and at the law while it continues destroying the residential community here. The flaunting of the law cannot be allowed to stand. We hope and trust that you will respond firmly as you should to any serious law-breaker.

## Animal Advocate's Personals To Anne Lenderth

By Claire Ciftci

Dear Miss Anne:

I'm just a little Boston Terrier and I live in David's house. I came to him as a new puppy and he used to button me into his shirt. I loved to smell his tobacco when I buried my head into his chest. He took me everywhere. Oh, how I loved my David. And I still live only when I see my David. But he goes to that other big place and stays there all day long. I am an only dog and I get so lonely.

Before he goes to the other place, we go for a fast walk because my David slept too long. He pulls me so hard I cannot keep up. I have no time to smell the bushes to see if any friends were here. Sometimes I have no time to raise my leg. I want to go slow 'cause I know I will be left alone for such a long time after we get home. I have some breakfast then David says, "I'm off to work, Pippin."

I look out the window for hours. I pass my big box of toys but I have no interest when no one throws them for me. The house is so quiet and I get so bored. Sometimes I nap to make the time pass faster.

At long last, I hear our car in the driveway. Oh, how fast I run to the kitchen door. I am on springs, jumping into my David's arms. How I love his pipe smell. I run to his

room while he puts on his soft shoes to go for our walk. I always worry if we walk fast 'cause it maybe means my David will hurry home to put on his hard shoes and go out again.

If I see Atticus I get very excited. I like to smell his big snout but David pulls me away. He is afraid the big dog will smash me. I cannot tell him that we are friends. We play in the park when Patty takes me at lunchtime. But David speaks in his sharp voice and jerks my collar very hard.

Sometimes Sally comes after my dinner is finished. She picks me up and I kiss her all over her face. She smells like field flowers. She throws my Mr. Peepers and I run so fast to bring it back. I pray to my doggie angels that she will stay here and call the Pizza Man and they will play with me a while.

But I see my David wearing his hard shoes and soon they leave. I go to the window again with Mr. Peepers and lie on his fuzzy belly. Soon it is dark and only the street light shines in. It is so

quiet and lonesome.

I begin to cry a little and try to remember the times my David stayed home. We sat in the big chair together. I get all shaky to think about the feel of his strong hand scratching my ears.

What can I do, Miss Anne? Do you think my David still loves me?

Lonely Pippin

Dear Pippin:

Unfortunately you have a pet parent who believes a dog is just a dog—just feed it and walk it. But I do believe your David still loves you. He just cannot put himself into your bright little mind and imagine the boredom of being left alone so many hours. He *did* call in a pet companion to break your day. Maybe someone will advise him to leave the radio on and turn on a few lights when he leaves in the evening.

You are a brave little dog so I know you will continue to be patient. I'd like to advise humans to choose another kind of pet instead of one which is sensitive, intelligent and thrives on human companionship.

Anne Lenderth

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would be in the public interest. BZA & Zoning Commission member Carol Mitten responded. On the first point, she said most opinions give the court case little hope of success; as to irreparable harm, she characterized the result not as harmful but as "profoundly inconvenient" to GW. Mitten also said the public would be harmed if the

focus of the BZA order is diluted. It was meant to protect the adjacent neighborhood's housing which is being increasingly taken over by students, discouraging long-term taxpaying residents from living in Foggy Bottom.

Commissioners Mitten, David A. Zaidain and Chair Geoffrey H. Griffis voted against the stay; Curtis L. Etherly voted for it.

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## Jacksons Write from Kabul

*Mark and Jeanine Jackson are Foreign Service officers who have been assigned in recent years to posts in Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong, Kenya, and most recently in Afghanistan. They may return to their home on I Street next summer. Their Christmas letter painted pictures of their life in that torn country and their activities as representatives of the U.S.:*

Peace in Afghanistan, it should be understood, is strictly a relative term. Hence, Jeanine with her bodyguard and Mark in non-diplomatic attire. After three decades of war, today's Afghan reality is that Afghans could not feel safe enough to work to rebuild their country without the presence of American guns. We're in Kabul to help in the rebuilding effort.

In fact, Jeanine first arrived here on December 14, 2001 to manage the opening of the U.S. Embassy. She was the senior American in Afghanistan after the flag was raised, and served as acting Ambassador for the first five weeks of the American diplomatic presence. Afghan president Karzal's personal number was programmed into her satellite phone and she worked closely with him in the palace. At the Embassy, she hosted Colin Powell, one-third of the U.S. Senate and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Jeanine represented the United States at the formation of the Afghan Government and was accompanied to the ceremony by General Tommy Franks. In February, 2002, she returned to Kenya . . . and convinced Mark that [Kabul] was the place to be.

She's now the chief management officer of the

Embassy (overseeing everything that makes the Embassy function), while Mark has undertaken his first sojourn in humanitarian work. He oversees all U.S.-funded activities (\$148M worth) in support of the two million Afghan refugees who have returned home in the last year. Afghanistan's a fascinating place and guarded optimism for its future is not misplaced; however, the situation remains very fragile. Security threats make it hard to travel much but Mark has been to Herat near the Iranian border for a useful dinner/meeting with Warlord/Governor Ismail Khan. We both traveled to the Salang pass and tunnel, about four hours north of Kabul, to inspect preparations that will make it possible to transport food through the tunnel to over a million highly vulnerable Afghans during the winter.

Living is much better than when Jeanine was first here. Our home is a cozy, steel shipping container with an interior much like a small house trailer. It's 7x38 feet so we never have to look far for one another. The entire American staff is crammed on the Embassy compound. All are volunteers, all work seven days a week and, except for a few dual employee couples, all are separated from spouses and kids. It's very rewarding work but a hard and dangerous life; our cats get lots of visitors who are looking for a reminder of home. We do have great security—100 Marines man the perimeter around the Embassy and we have a great State Department security staff (about 15 special agents with a lady boss who really knows her stuff). We feel safe enough.

Next summer we'll be moving on. Not sure, but we expect it'll be to Washington, and it's actually beginning to sound attractive.

## Thank You, Thank You Part I Foggy Bottom News

By Ellie Becker

There are many, many people involved in this newspaper's being written, printed, and distributed, and because the News informs our neighborhood, they are true-blue neighbors indeed. Being neighbors, they will be forgiving if the editor misses a name.

To start the list, our ad manager par excellence, **Rita Champagne**, whose energy and commitment to the News parallels her affection for all of Foggy Bottom. (Rita also belongs in the story and delivery categories below.)

And I thank those who wrote articles and/or provided story ideas: **Ron Cocome, Tom Bower, Michael Malloy, Scott Wayne** (also the originator of the Foggy Bottom Alert web site); **Michael Thomas, Joan Sugarman, F. James Koch, Caroline Coates and Suzanne Foss** (for home sales info), **Bob Anthony**, FBN's critic-at-large, **Monika Bernstein, Gary Griffith, Jim McLeod, Norene Vogt, Laetitia Combrinck, Trez Lee, Ann Brown, Jackie Lemire, Roz Freund**, and Councilmember **Jack Evans**.

And the editor appreciates the calls and press releases and notes on local events which made the job much easier.

And the "production team": **Bud Gray** and his colleagues at **General Typographers** who take my written copy and, presto-chango, out comes a handsomely laid-out newspaper. The actual printing is done in Sterling, Virginia, at **Silver Communications**, owned by **Sterling Schiffman** (who has been printing the News as long as any of us can remember).

Silver delivers our 5500 copies to **St. Mary's Court** for counting and tying into 50-60 bundles for delivery all over the neighborhood. **Ilona Melstrads** produces labels and very clear delivery instructions; a faithful cadre of helpers lables, counts and ties: **Norrene Vogt, Thalia Johnson and Joe Chaplick**. The next day **Ed Gable** or **Bob Vogt** appear and meet with **Zack Beyer**, the GW student who for three years has been the "jumper," getting in and out of the car to drop off the bundles.

The next stage is done by a great band of newsmen who tote the News, on foot, to individual homes, apartment buildings and retailers. They are **Gail Raywid, Monika Bernstein, Marie Kirby, Laetitia Combrinck, Chris**

**Labas, Kate Clinton, Mike Malloy, Jim McLeod, Karen Hamrick, Nori Uchida, Doug Hansen, Dixie Woodard, Patrick Cody, Anne Charles, Dorothy Ohliger, Janet Farbstein, Susan Lampton, Mel Maeda, Darrell Rumsey, Steve Timlin, Joe Chaplick, Lisa Farrell, Ann Mikulik, Marifran Langvardt and Rich Pollin**. (Rich, whose route was one of the largest, has moved to Capitol Hill and already is missed.) Also delivering copies is **Jenny Lazowski** who handles the copies mailed to D.C. officials, the press and members living outside the delivery area.

These are super "employees," some of whom have been on the job for nearly 20 years! Hats off and hand claps to them all.



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franchise, and appears to have a steady stream of customers.

The operators of the store have cooperated with the community over the years by working hard to keep the store and grounds appropriately clean, providing trash-cans near the sidewalk, and controlling the hours of its truck deliveries.

Dorothy Miller, the current chair of the ANC, commented wryly to 7-11 officials that it would hardly conform to its name if permission were granted. The application will be discussed by ANC-2A at its meeting set for Wednesday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. For location call 736-1775.

**Resident Sues GW for \$10 Million+**

Donald Kreuzer, longtime resident of 600 23rd Street, has filed suit against George Washington University for "damages in excess of \$10,000,000. The suit also asks for a halt to the construction of GW's "Superdorm," scheduled to house 700+ students by fall of 2004. The new dormitory being constructed is adjacent to Kreuzer's home. A press release indicates that the suit arises from events chronicled in a Washington Post article entitled "The University That Swallowed Foggy Bottom." A hearing for a temporary restraining order was held May 6, but it was denied.

**Council Names New BZA Member**

The Council of the District of Columbia has approved the Mayor's nomination of Ruthanne Miller to be the newest member of the

Board of Zoning Adjustment. Mrs. Miller is replacing Anne Renshaw, who was not re-nominated.

A large number of witnesses appeared before Council Chair Linda Cropp's Committee of the Whole. The majority of those who appeared were in opposition to her nomination based on her developer-friendly votes while an ANC member, as well as the nomination "process." These included residents of Foggy Bottom and several other neighborhoods, especially Cleveland Park where she served one term on the ANC. However, the Committee received many letters and emails in favor of the nominee.

Barbara Spillinger and Elizabeth Elliott appeared, as well as Ellie Becker, who characterized the Mayor's nomination as "inappropriate," because it placed Councilmembers "in a very awkward position," having to vote against the wife of a popular and prominent member of Mrs. Cropp's staff. Elizabeth Elliott cited Mrs. Miller's "connection, however tenuous, to George Washington University and the potential conflict of interest that it might pose." (Council Chair Cropp is married to a GW official.)

Councilmembers Kathy Patterson and Carol Schwartz attended the hearing; Mrs. Schwartz questioned the nominee on her opinion on GWU and its incursions into the Foggy Bottom neighborhood.

**Eye Street Loses Postman Mike White**

By Ellie Becker

On Monday, April 7, the U.S. Postal Service moved from his Eye Street route Henry "Mike" White, after serving those postal customers for over 24 years. The official reason was a periodic survey of his route; he was assigned to deliver to the Griffin and the Excelsior apartment buildings instead.

Residents in the houses in those two blocks have contacted Postal officials requesting his reinstatement. The first contact was with the manager of the Ward Place distribution station who stated he had no authority to change the new routes. Letters were then sent to an official named Harry Smith, one step up the "chain of command." A letter and a series of calls were made to Dolores Killette, the Postmaster for the District of Columbia, asking for reconsideration of the decision and an explanation of the survey procedures.

After several weeks, the Postmaster responding to letters and calls about Mike White, was glad to hear of his "service and dedication." She explained that all postal routes are "examined and adjusted when warranted by changing mail volume. . . . Carrier routes gain as well as lose delivery segments during

**Could You Tell?**

By Marguerite Gilbert

We have a winsome little lad,  
With eager, questioning eye—  
And these are his anxious  
worries  
As his days go fleeting by.

"Hey, where did yesterday  
go,  
If it ain't here no more?  
Why do you gotta have ears?  
And say, do elephants snore?"

"Where does the soap go at,  
When it gets all melted up?  
Does the sun go to bed at  
night,

And then, in the morning,  
gets up?

"When people ride on buses,  
Where do all of them go?  
How long is everybody's  
tongue  
Next winter, will it snow?"

"How'd your bones get inside  
you?  
Can airplanes fly to Heaven,  
too?  
What makes you stop growing?"  
Heavens! We don't know—do  
you?

this process. Due to a recent route adjustment, carrier routes in your delivery area were re-aligned to mirror current workload volume and deliveries."

Mike White, who did not request the residents' efforts, was well known for his accuracy in mail delivery. He was especially helpful to homeowners who travel and need special attention to their mail. Darrell Rumsey wrote that this change "seems to be in direct opposition" to the Postal Service's striving to improve service. He and oth-

ers "routinely experience misdirected mail when Mike is off"; it was especially apparent when White was on an extended sick leave some years ago.

His route was changed to delete the 2400 and 2500 blocks of Eye Street, and he added the Griffin and Excelsior apartment buildings. As the editor told Ms. Killette, the Eye Street homeowners valued Mike's personal attention, for both the service and the security it provided. The new carrier for Eye Street is Wes Thomas.

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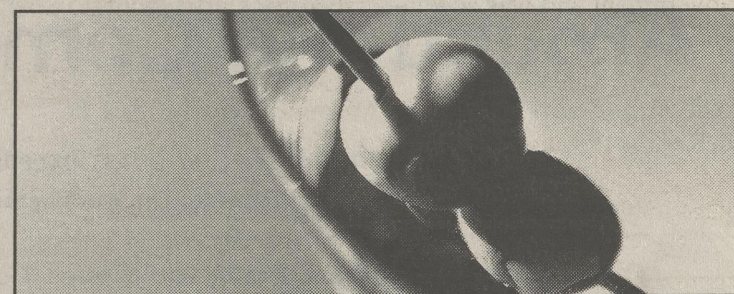
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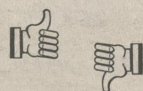
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## Critic's Corner



By Bob Anthony

### Sondheim's "Follies" at the Signature

Eric Shaeffer comes through with another winner with his unique interpretation of Sondheim's "Follies" as he manages all of the bitter and the sweet and oft combines them into bittersweet as old Follies performers have a reunion before the tearing down of the music hall theatre where they all attained success and glory. They all relive their hopes, fears and youth most poignantly. From the beginning the chorines move around like "ghosts of Versailles" in grey and black extravagant costumes which emphasize the line of memory in this interpretation. And it works wonderfully as the old-timers go over old times. Dispersed throughout are the major players as seen in their younger days by a quartet of younger song and dance players. The audience is totally engrossed from the entrance through the backstage trappings in the hallway to the seedy and partially destroyed set by Lou Stancari until the final moments of partial amelioration of unfilled dreams of these characters... yes, their lives will go on to final destruction as well.

John Kalbfleisch has no peer with his continuing fine

music direction and Chris Lee has never been better with quick and meaningful lighting changes. Robert Perdziola proves his prowess with grand operatic costumes with his glorious, definitely award-winning clothes.

The only slight problem with the production is some of the emotionally empty interpretations by a few of the cast members so that fine singing actress, Donna Migliaccio, lost steam by the end of her bitter "I'm Still Here." Harry A. Winter's "The Right Girl" confirmed that he can't handle a solo singing act as he blossomed only when others entered the stage. Judy McLane, fine throughout, couldn't find the underlie of "The Story of Lucy and Jessie." And, Joseph Dellger, although of fine voice, was more interested in selling his numbers than giving full emotional meaning to the thoughts. One trusts that these will even out with more performance. But accolades definitely go to Florence Lacey who wowed with "Losing My Mind" and who consistently and finely acted the role of rejected Sally who had the most reason to be bitter about her whole game of life and love.

This is a highly recommended family treat with a large cast that we rarely see anymore in limited budget theaters. It offers lots of life lessons while thoroughly

thrilling the audience with song and dance. (Signature Theatre to 6/1)

### Hillwood Celebrates St. Petersburg

Heads of state from 30 nations will go to St. Petersburg, Russia this May to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the city's founding. For the rest of us, Hillwood Museum with the most comprehensive collection of Imperial Russian arts outside of Russia offers a magnificent alternative with its first-ever temporary exhibition, "The Myths of St. Petersburg: Impressions of the City from the Hillwood Collection." It displays 55 objects selected from the over 16,000 that Marjorie Merriweather Post amassed. This show includes the 18th-century marble bust of Peter the Great; an elaborate gold chalice from the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity; and a portrait of the enlightened ruler as Minerva.

"The People's St. Petersburg" is highlighted by coachmen lithographs (there were over 50,000 coaches in the city in the 19th century) and porcelain figures of peddlers and peasants. Nicholas II is shown dressed as the 17th-century Tsar Aleksei whose portrait is also on display. The Stalin regime, when Mrs. Post saved so many art treasures from destruction, is

represented by her personal film clips from the 30s.

This is only one of the cultural events in the Washington and Baltimore area during this Russian celebration. It is hard, however, to imagine a more elegant one than Mrs. Post's collection. (To 12/31; reservations required). Reviewed by Sheila Wickowski.

### Hermitage Women Artists at NMWA

The National Museum of Women in the Arts has an extraordinary show with "An Imperial Collection: Women Artists from the State Hermitage Museum" as it continues the celebration hereabouts of the 300th year of St. Petersburg, Russia. The outstanding pieces are the wonderful naturalistic sculptures of Marie-Anne Collot, who worked with Falconet, who was able to capture wonderful expressions...at times it seems like the models are about ready to speak to the viewer. She also finished the head on Falconet's superb rendition of Peter on horseback. There is also the work of Marie Louise Elisabeth Vigee-Lebrun, who escaped to St. Petersburg after

the French revolution, which are all gems, especially her self-portrait.

There are 15 women artists with 49 pieces on display. And the entrance to the show is a complete wall picturization of the elegant grand stairway entrance to the Hermitage. There is also a full wall mural of the Hermitage building on the Neva River. This is a highly-recommended look at the grandeur that was imperial Russia. This show confirms the NMWA as one of the finest museums in this U.S. capital. (to 6/18)

Due to limitations of time and space, Bob's theatrical reviews are found on <http://hometown.aol.com/review4u>.

### What Does He Know?

According to the theory of aerodynamics, and as may be readily demonstrated by means of a wind tunnel, the bumblebee is unable to fly. This is because the size, weight and shape of his body in relation to the total wingspan make flight impossible. But the bumblebee, being ignorant of these scientific facts and possessing considerable determination, does fly—and makes a little honey too.

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### Foggy Bottom Folks

Up on M Street the **Fairmont Hotel** welcomed several new staff members. **Daryle Nagata** is now the Executive Chef, following positions in Vancouver, British Columbia, London and Geneva. **Christie Bach** becomes the pastry chef, moving up from an assistant's position where she created "extraordinary chocolate" desserts. She earlier was at the Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City, and trained at New York's Culinary Institute.

**Samir Katrib** was named Director of Banquets, following positions at the Hay-Adams and the Park Hyatt. **Don Fennerty** has joined the staff as Director of Human Resources; he most recently held a similar position at Fairmont's Lake Louise property.

In addition, **Cynthia Scherer** has been appointed Director of Sales & Marketing and **Moon Sun Park** as Group Sales Manager. Scherer comes from the Plaza in New York; Ms. Park has been at the 24th Street hotel for two years as Executive Manager.

Also, the Fairmont is presenting its third **Annual Courtyard Grilling** event, to demonstrate tips and techniques for summer grilling. Guests will sample grilled items, wines to taste, light hors d'oeuvres and

summer beverages. Scheduled are Martin Saylor of Butterfield 9 on Tuesday, June 2; Todd Gray of Equinox on June 10; Roberto Donna of Galileo da Roberto Donna on June 17; and Matthew Cruder of the Fairmont's Bistro on June 25. Info: 429-2400, ext. 164. \$30. 6:00 p.m.

**Al Roker** of NBC's **Today Show** and the Cooking Network visited **Miriam's Kitchen** to film a cooking demonstration and to interview **Steve Badt**, the kitchen's chef. Miriam's Kitchen, located at Western Presbyterian Church, serves breakfast and provides social services to 170-200 homeless guests each morning. Several hundred volunteers, including Foggy Bottom residents, help cook and serve meals at the kitchen each weekday.



The **Residents' Association of St. Mary's Court** invites its Foggy Bottom neighbors to join a new coffee hour—Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. For a "small token" of 50 cents, you can enjoy coffee, tea, cocoa and donuts, with emphasis on good morning conversation. The Court is at 725 24th Street. **Wilbert Woods**, 785-4577, is RA president.

Because her lease is up, **Gloria Basquez** has moved her **Tigani Hair Boutique** from 2424 Pennsylvania to a new location at 22nd and P Streets. It is not too far away but quite close to Dupont Circle and across from the Fireplace Restaurant on the opposite corner. She has been at the Pennsylvania Avenue location for 14 years.

**The Hotel Lombardy**, at



2019 Pennsylvania Avenue, has received a historic hotel designation. The National Trust Historic Hotels of America recently named the classic, European-style hotel, built in 1929, to its roster. **Reinhold Schultz**, the hotel's General Manager, told the News that the designation plaque had arrived and was being installed in front of the hotel within a few days.

The Lombardy's Cafe was written up in *The Washington Post*. Reviewer Corinna Lothar, especially praised the soups of the new chef, **Laurent Hollaender**.

There is a lady who lives in Columbia Plaza who is a demon against litter. She is **Rita Champagne**, who probably can claim she has removed tons of stuff from the streets and yards of Foggy Bottom. She claims that picking up litter is a "waist-waster," and her slim form may be proof of that statement. Earlier this year she

called on the city to correct a real mess, piles of trash and other material on the stretch of E Street behind the Pan American Health Organization building. Due to her perseverance, 32 bags of trash were collected. Kudos!

During her time at home, **Annemarie Emmett** of Queen Anne's Lane told the News about her current Peace Corps assignment in the small southern African country of Lesotho. After retiring from the World Bank, Annemarie was able to follow her wish to help others in the world, and was assigned to a mountain town in the small country surrounded by South Africa. Her work involves HIV/AIDS education and prevention; one in every three persons in the country suffers from the disease. Her home is a small thatch-roofed building without electricity or running water, but her office does possess some amenities.

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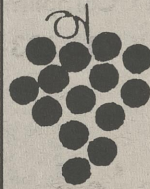
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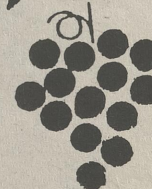
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**Foggy Bottom Foods****Peanut Butter Pillows**

By Sheridan Strickland

Sheridan discovered this scrumptious cookie when she had leftover dough from making a fig-newton-concoction.

1 c. shortening  
1/2 c. granulated sugar  
1/2 c. brown sugar  
1 egg  
3 c. flour  
1/4 c. milk  
1/2 t. salt  
1 t. vanilla  
1/2 t. soda

**Filling:** Chunky Peanut Butter

Cream shortening and sugars. Add egg, milk and vanilla; beat well. Sift together dry ingredients. Stir into creamed mixture. Chill at least 1 hour in a covered bowl or plastic bag.

On well-floured surface, roll 1/4 of dough out to about 1/8-inch thick. The shape at this point is up to you. A round cookie cutter (e.g. 2" diameter) works well, or just make 2" squares with a knife.

Put a dollop of peanut butter in the middle of the circle or square. Moisten the dough edge with water. Place another circle or square over the first. Seal the edges by pinching with your fingers or pressing down around the edge with a fork. That makes a nice little finished edge. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet at 375 deg. for about 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Makes about a dozen. We used extra chunky peanut butter, which is pretty thick. A thinner peanut butter might have a tendency to melt too much in the cooking process.

**Neighborhood Datebook**

**Monday, May 19:** Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring speakers on emergency alert systems available to broadcast important information to residents. (The meeting is scheduled earlier in the month than usual to avoid the Memorial Day holiday.) Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.\*

**Wednesday, May 28:** "Women's Cardiac Risk Factors," presented by Susan Bennett, M.D., Director, Women's Heart Program, and Judith Hsia, M.D., Director, Lipid Research Center. GWU Hospital. 7:00 p.m. #

**Wednesday, May 28:** "Lost Soles: One-Man Tap Tour de Force!," a dancer's odyssey from Wyoming to Havana," featuring lightning-fast footwork and ingenious jokes. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$20; members \$15. 7:00 p.m. ##

**Thursday, May 29:** The Wagner Society of Washington presents a lecture by John J. Pohanka, Washington businessman, philanthropist and benefactor of opera. Funger Hall, 2201 G Street, N.W. Info: 301-907-2600. 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 4:** "Keeping the Flow from Head to Toe," outlining symptoms and treatment of peripheral vascular disease. Presented by Drs. Robert Gallino, John Martin, John Brunson, Anthony C. Venbrux, and Elizabeth Ignacio. GWU Hospital. 7:00 p.m. #

**Thursday, June 12:** "Cardiac Catheterization and Arrhythmias," presented by Sung Lee, M.D., Director of Cardiac Pacing and Electrophysiology, and Jonathan Reiner, M.D., Director, Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory. GWU Hospital. 7:00 p.m. #

**Thursday, June 12:** Concert featuring Ulrika Mjorndal, selected by a Swedish committee as the new "Jenny Lind," followed by a reception. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$18; members \$14. 7:00 p.m. ##

**Wednesday, June 14, June 21 & June 28:** Reception for Alan J. Salerian, M.D., author of "Honest Moments with Dr. Shrink." The show is an exhibition of cartoons from his book. Watergate Gallery & Frame Design, 2552 Virginia Avenue, N.W. Info: 338-4488. 6:00-9:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 17:** BZA hearing on the 7-11's request for permission to continue operating the store but also to allow 24-hour-a-day operation. The store, at 912 New Hampshire Avenue, currently operates on a special permit allowing a retail store on a residential-zoned lot. Zoning Hearing Room, 441 Fourth Street, N.W.

**Lanier Plans Another West End Building ANC To Discuss Project May 21**

The West End is slated for yet another condo project, as one is being planned for the triangle bounded by 23rd and M Streets and New Hampshire Avenue. Currently there is one house at the

southern end of the block and a parking lot and Exxon gas station on M Street.

According to the West End Guide, Anthony Lanier, developer of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel across M Street, is planning large apartments in a building which will "accommodate" the gas station and "integrate it into our design." Lanier is asking for a special zoning variance for the project.

(Judiciary Square). Case heard between 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon.\*

**Wednesday, June 18:** "How I Got That Shot: An Evening with White House Photographers," featuring Andrea Bruce Woodall of the Washington Post, Doug Mills of the New York Times, and Mary F. Calvert of the Washington Times. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$16; members \$12. 7:00 p.m. ##

**Thursday, June 19:** City Council hearing on legislation providing for "jurisdiction-sharing" between the Metropolitan Police Department and university security police, including GW's University Police Department. City Council Chamber, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Approximately 9:30 a.m.

**Monday, June 23:** "Playwright on Stage: Presenting Lanford Wilson with Ari Roth," discussing Talley's Folly and other works by the Pulitzer-Prize winning playwright. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$20; members \$15. 7:00 p.m. ##

**Tuesday, June 24:** "I Bought Andy Warhol," featuring art dealer Richard Polsky's 12-year quest to purchase an Andy Warhol painting for his private collection. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$14; members \$10. 7:00 p.m. ##

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